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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs THOMPSON & HIND, to sell by Public Auction,

ON

THURSDAY, the 18th day of April, 1878, at their Store, Queen's Road Central,

at Noon,—

THE WHOLE OF THEIR STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS, FIXTURES,

&c., &c., &c.

J. M. GUNDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 9, 1878. ap18

For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES,

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

Out and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly, CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 lbs.

Fine WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 lbs.

Medium WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 lbs.

Fine YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 lbs.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 lbs.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAB (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER, CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED, East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

EX M. M. S. S. "AIDA,"

AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

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For Sale.

COPE'S "GOLDEN CLOUD."

A MIXTURE highly approved by Smokers.

NEW SADDLES,

BRIDLES,

and HARNESS.

POOL BALLS, and PYRAMID POOL BALLS.

ICE CHESTS.

FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES.

THE NEW ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS.

BRONZE KETTLES, with SPIRIT LAMPS.

PERAMBULATORS.

CIGARETTES.

THE ROYAL NAVY LIST.

WALKING STICKS.

SUPERIOR MANILA CIGARS.

PITH HATS, in various Shapes.

SILBER TABLE LAMPS,

—22 to 25 CANDLE LIGHT.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S INVITATION NOTE-PAPER and ENVELOPES.

A BROADWOOD'S Semi-Grand PIANO, For Sale or Hire.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 12, 1878.

Entertainment.

LUSITANO THEATRE.

AN AMATEUR PERFORMANCE will be given at this Theatre,

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE CITY HALL,

ON

WEDNESDAY,

April 24th, at 8 p.m.

THE ONE ACT COMEDY

A CUP OF TEA,

followed by

SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA, TRIAL BY JURY.

Admission by TICKET ONLY, which can be obtained (Price Two Dollars) on and after Thursday next, from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Choral Society.

Hongkong, April 15, 1878. ap26

To Let.

TO BE LET.

From 1st May.

SHOP and DWELLING ROOMS, at present occupied by Messrs THOMPSON & HIND.

Apply to J. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, April 13, 1878. ap27

To Let.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, "Green Mount," at present in the occupation of J. FAIRBANKS, Esq.

Possession after 15th April.

Apply to GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, March 18, 1878. ap18

To Let.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Intimations.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN begs to announce to his Patrons that he has changed his Residence from Praya East to No. 19, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, where Orders may be left, or at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, April 8, 1878. my8

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 3, 1878.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1874.

Intimations.

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED to Date aggregates \$12,230.83. Gentlemen desirous of Contributing are requested to forward their Subscriptions to T. JACKSON, Honorary Treasurer, at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING the TEMPORARY ABSENCE of the Undersigned, Mr. THOMAS DANIEL COX PARKER is appointed Acting Manager.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1878. ap20

FOR STORAGE in GODOWNS, Praya Central.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878. ap26

AH YON, SHIPS' COMPTROLLER AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1878. my1

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H. R. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ARTHUR'S OLD, HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only. Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

DEVON'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVON'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVON MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVON MANUFACTURING CO., 80 Beaver and 127 Front Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000

Surplus \$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MACTAN," FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Underigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 12, 1878. ap19

S. S. "VIKING," FROM LONDON VIA SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees desiring to take delivery from Boat are at liberty to do so.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary be received from Consignees before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining in Godown after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be counterigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1878. ap22

STEAMSHIP "LOUDON CASTLE," FROM LONDON VIA SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in Messrs Norton & Co.'s Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees desiring to take delivery from Boat are at liberty to do so.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary be received from Consignees before Noon To-day, the 15th instant.

Cargo remaining in Godown after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be counterigned by DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1878. ap22

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARK "ELIZABETH OSTLE," FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1878. ap22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. DU POUY, Agent.

Ex "Djemnah," from
SP Order 60 bags Sharp Stones, } from
WMS W. MacG. Smith, 1 case } Madras.
Belts, } London.
Hongkong, April 16, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FOURTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of THREE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 1st April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 8th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Underigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th April inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, March 30, 1878. my4

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE, Ph.D. Tubingen.
Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LAY, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs LAY & Water, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "MACTAN," ERQUADA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1878. ap17

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," CULLEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1878. ap17

To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—NG AKIU, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, a Widow, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 1st March, 1878, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass her last examination, and make application for her order of discharge, will be held before the Honourable FRANCIS SNOWDEN, Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, aforesaid, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May, 1878, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

FREDERICK SOWLEY HUFFMAN, Esq., and CHUN AYAU are the Creditors Assignees in the Bankruptcy.
Dated the 16th day of April, 1878. my1

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.
ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. W. B. Seymour.—Chinese.
LADY, American ship, Captain C. B. Pierce.—Captain.
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. Melchior.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
PARBER, British steamer, Capt. Sergeant.—Melchers & Co.
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Melchers & Co.
LADY PENRYN, British barque, Capt. E. Owen.—Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.
SARAH NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. Jas. G. Selkirk.—Butterfield & Swire.
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
FORWARD, British barque, Capt. James W. Vandervord.—Rosario & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 16, Esmeralda, British steamer, 895, Cullen, Manila April 13, General—RUSSELL & Co.
April 16, China, American steamer, 8836, G. G. Berry, San Francisco March 4, and Yokohama April 8, Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.
April 16, Atlanta, German steamer, 783, G. Petersen, Saigon April 11, Rice—SIEMSEN & Co.
April 16, Forward, British barque, 787, James W. Vandervord, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Feb. 27, Col and General—ROSBARIO & Co.
April 16, H. G. Johnson, American barque, 1081, Isaac Colby, Newcastle (N.S.W.), March 9, Coal.—ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.
April 16, Wm. Turner, British barque, 431, Vandervord, Swatow April 15, Ballast—ROSBARIO & Co.
April 16, Ling Feng, Chinese gunboat, 854, Farrow, Hothow April 13.
April 16, Onward, British schooner, from Whampoa.
April 16, Gustav, German brig, from Whampoa.
April 16, Iraquaddy, French steamer, 1800, Gauvain, Marseilles March 10, Naples 12, Port Said 16, Suez 17, Aden 22, Colombo 30, Galle April 1, Singapore 9, and Saigon 13, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
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DEPARTURES.

Apr. 16, Adolph, for Yap (Caroline Islands).
16, Conquest, for Hothow.
16, Loudon Castle, for Shanghai.
16, Wenchow, for Shanghai.
16, Corderan, for Keelung.

CLEARED.

Leonic, for Mantung.
Marquis of Argyll, for Cambodia.
Princess Seraph, for Bangkok.
Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.
Esmeralda, for Amoy.
Parce, for Saigon.
Viking, for Shanghai.
Zamboanga, for Hothow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Iraquaddy, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Messrs Cornwell, Jackson, and Townsend, Mr and Mrs Derrmer, Mr and Mrs Fry, Mr Dixon's servant, Mr Findlay, Miss Rose, Mr and Mrs Ferrer and 2 children; from Colombo, Mr Wilson; from Singapore, Mr Henderson; from Saigon, Messrs R. St. John, Waddell, Tynde and d'Alexis, and 37 Chinese.
Per Shanghai: from Marseilles, Messrs Price, Deacon, Goodfellow, Ballance, Mrs Aldridge, Overbrook, Wood, Lucas, Rodevald, Taille, Van Ostade, Bermynt, and Stimmerman; from Singapore, Mr Somerville; from Saigon, Messrs P. M. G. Grant, Anderson, H. Anderson, and J. Green. For Yokohama from: Marseilles, Messrs Robinson and Mount, Mrs Butler, 2 children and servant, Messrs Proussner, Gran, Haas, Paul, Lange, and Wagden; from Batavia, Mr Harter; from Saigon, Mrs Williams, child and servant, and Mr Taylor.
Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Capt. and Mrs Harvey, Capt. and Mrs Miller, Messrs J. B. McCulloch and A. Laffie, Mr and Mrs Juan Masa, 2 daughters and 2 sons, Mrs Julian Garich, daughter and 2 sons, Mr Ramon Genato, 4 European deck, and 120 Chinese.
Per China, from San Francisco, Mr and Mrs W. S. Schenck and child, Mr Claude Chamberlain, and 76 Chinese.
Per Atlanta, from Saigon, 16 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Adolph, for Yap, 1 European.
Per Conquest, for Hothow, 45 Chinese; for Halphong, 60 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Viking, for Shanghai, Mrs and Miss Cantle, and 1 Lady, First-class.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports: Left Manila on the 18th inst., had light variable wind to Fratas Shoal, thence to port moderate E.N.E. winds and fine weather.
The German steamer Atlanta reports: Moderate N.E. wind and fine weather.
The British barque Forward reports: From Newcastle to Solomon's Island light Easterly winds, off Christophers Island for 7 days with light Easterly air and strong Westerly current. Crossed the Equator in long. 195 30 East on the 28th March; from

thence to Pedro Blanco moderate Easterly winds and fine weather. On Monday, the 16th at 5 a.m. took pilot on board, and at midnight heading ship off, until fog cleared at 5 a.m. the 16th. Sighted light and kept ship away, and entered harbour and anchored at East Point at 7.30 a.m.

The American barque H. G. Johnson reports: Left Newcastle on the 9th March with N.E. winds, passed the Equator on the 31st March in long. 187 E. Came through the Bache Channel on 18th April, with E.N.E. winds, and thence to port fine weather and steady monsoon, being 38 days out.

The French steamer Iraquaddy reports: Fine weather with N.E. winds until within 100 miles of Hongkong where had thick misty weather.

The P. M. S. S. China, Captain Berry, from San Francisco March 4th, via Yokohama April 8th, at 5 a.m., reports had fine weather with occasional dense fogs from 13th inst. On the 9th passed the P. M. S. S. Oregon from Shanghai to Yokohama; on 13th passed a P. and O. steamer supposed to be the Orissa. On 14th passed an unknown English steamer. Running time 8 days and 2 hours from Yokohama.

Consignees.—Messrs Russell & Co., J. F. Schaffer, Order, Tong Tuk, Wing Chong Kit, Kwong Chung Lung & Co., Wong Hing Lee, F. Blackhead & Co., Hee Ching Chong, Wong Ching Chong & Co., Ming Kee, Kwong Tuk Wing, Sun Hing Lung, Kwong Lee Ching, Chong Sing, Yuen Yik, G. B. Mory, O. & O. S. Co., Kwong Wan Yuen, Ling Hong Lung, Kwong Tuk Wing, Tye Shong Wo, Kwan Yee Gee, Ching Chong Lung Co., Melchior & Co., Fard & Co., McEwen, Fricke & Co., Hoy Fat Co., Kee Tai Hong, Kong Wong Sing, Ma, W. Chong, Kwong Sal Tai, Fook Chong, Wing Tong Hing Co., Kwong Chong Lung, Bearer, Kwong Wing Lung, and Butterfield & Swire.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—

Per Mactan, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For AMOY.—

Per Esmeralda, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Parce, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—

Per Tamsui, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 18th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, AND SYDNEY.—

Per Thales, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Peiho will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to Europe, Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 17th inst.: 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Hongkong, April 4, 1878. ap18

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet Kashgar will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 20th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 19th inst.: 5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 20th inst.: 7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra.

Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) added to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, April 11, 1878. ap20

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet China will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West India (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, April 16, 1878. ap28

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet Power, will be despatched from Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m.

Supplementary mail received on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but at a special rate it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, April 4, 1878. ap24

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—Mactan leaves for Manila.

Noon.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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DEATHS.

At Chefoo, on 8th April, of apoplexy, Madame MARIE FRENCH, aged 44 years.

At Shanghai, on the 7th April, JOAQUIN DOS ANJOS XAVIER, aged 58 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1878.

AFTER the first perplexity of the shock caused by calamities like the Tornado at Canton has passed away, one or two questions naturally arise out of a consideration of the present position of the sufferers. The first and most imperative duty is certainly that of digging out and burying the dead, lest a still worse calamity come upon the living on either side of the path of desolation. Such a duty would at home have at once been undertaken and speedily performed by the Government; but times of trouble in China seem to bring to view the weak points of native administration. Up to our last accounts from Canton, the greatest difficulty was found in obtaining labour to carry on the excavation among the corpse-strawed ruins of the City. Even the construction of a few makeshifts was a difficult undertaking, while coffins had become double in price as compared with former values. The greatest difficulty was experienced in obtaining Cantonese to work at all a few days ago; and, to his praise be it said, Mr. Chun Sui Nam (manager of the Oi Yuk Tong) had engaged over fifty Hakka coolies to carry on the work of digging out the dead in various parts of the City. These men will receive the sum of \$3 for every person dug out alive, and \$1 for every corpse brought out from amongst the ruins. But what are fifty men for such a gigantic undertaking? Again, even the coffin-makers are hardly pressed, and are unable to meet the orders for decent shrouds in which to bury the victims out of sight. The economy of the native system has been overstrained, or rather the lack of system has become painfully apparent. It would, therefore, have been a most fitting occasion, as it seems to us, for H. M. Consul at Canton, or H. E. the Governor of Hongkong, to come forward, in the cause of humanity and of international policy, to the help of the apparently overwhelmed native officials. The Tung Wah Hospital of this Colony is said to have volunteered their services at an early period of the catastrophe; but it would have been more satisfactory had the assistance been of an official and therefore of a more effective kind.

A FEW days ago, it will be recollected, we directed attention to two letters that had appeared in the Chinese Mail, purporting to be written by Chinese emigrants in Honolulu. These letters were both suspicious documents from the fact, if no other, that one of them represented the hardships of the Chinese in the Sandwich Islands as too dreadful to be described, while the other gave a very pleasant and encouraging account of the position and prospects of the Mongolian emigrants there. We expressed a hope on the same occasion that as the Government had taken upon itself the responsibility of refusing licenses to vessels to carry Chinese emigrants to Honolulu, whereby very considerable inconvenience and loss was inflicted upon the charterers of the Charter Oak and the steamship Persia and the trade of the port more or less discouraged, it behoved the authorities here to institute some enquiries, through official or missionary sources, as to what is the actual condition of Chinese emigrants in the Sandwich Islands at the present moment. On the day following the appearance of this article we received from the Rev. R. Leebler, the head of the Basel Missionary Society in South China, several communications he had recently received from native converts and others in Honolulu, the perusal of which has shown us that they contain exactly the information required. We are very glad to find that the whole of these letters speak favourably of Chinese prospects in the Islands. Not one word is also said that can be regarded as indicating that the Chinese emigrants are ill-used or have to suffer any greater hardships than commonly fall to the lot of a Chinese labourer. There can be no doubt whatever about the genuineness of these letters. They were not written with any idea that they would be made public; nor that attention was being directed here just now to the position of Chinese emigrants in Honolulu. At the time they were penned neither the affair of the Charter Oak nor of the Persia had yet been added to the great history of facts. They are private letters written for private information, not even in reply to enquiries, and only existing exigencies have brought them into our hands. The Rev. R. Leebler in forwarding them to us writes: "When I read your leader last evening I thought it might perhaps interest you to have a glance at the letters I have received from Honolulu. I therefore submit to you an English letter from Mr. Damon, who appears to be a clergyman there and edits the Friend, and six Chinese letters, from which the Editor of the Chinese Mail may glean what he likes. Neither the present nor the former emigrants to Honolulu who were connected with my church here have ever complained of any hardships. On the contrary they have appeared to be right glad at getting work there which they often could not get here, and to be entirely satisfied with their wages of \$10 for a man and \$5 for a woman for work on the sugar plantations. I had last year several hundred dollars sent to me for distribution among their respective families, and with the enclosed letters I got \$40. So it seems that good industrious people have nothing to complain of; only those complain probably who dislike to do any work."

One of the "dreadful hardships" complained of by the emigrant the substance of whose letter we published a few days ago was that before he and his companions landed they were "compelled" to make a contract with the natives there; otherwise, he added, "we should have been treated as law transgressors." The whole of the six letters we publish below show that if such a step were taken in regard to the passengers by the Harriet N. Carleton it is not a common one, since they all plainly indicate that their engagements were free and obtained, at least in the majority of cases, after landing.

The greater part of Mr. Damon's letter has no bearing upon the question at issue, and need not therefore be quoted. In the course of his epistle, however, he says: "A few days prior to the receipt of your letter the Augustas arrived, all well, and I do not think any body of Chinese ever were more welcome at Honolulu. Long have we been anxious to have wives come with their husbands; the tide seems now to be setting in the right direction. Most of the immigrants per Augustas have been hired out at good wages, and have left for their homes in the other islands; many went to Kohala on Hawaii, where the Christians of last year have become located." The following are rough translations of the six native letters received by Mr. Leebler:—

To the Rev. Li Lek Kee, the missionary of Saiyung-poon, and other missionaries.

After the safe arrival of Chang Ting Tsing and others some brethren and sisters have gone into the interior to work at sugar-cane planting, except about 30 persons who are working here. I received your letter on 28th January last with a list enclosed, bearing the names of all Christian brethren who have come here lately, and whom I afterwards introduced to my superior, the pastor here. I am sorry to say that your letter reached me late, otherwise we might have disposed of the mentioned brethren better on their arrival. The general rule here was that after anchorage of any passenger ship, and her passengers must be assembled in one place on land, before they go to get work, but this time it happened otherwise; the Customs Commissioners wished them to land; the owners of sugar cane companies compelled the passengers to make contract for their work in ship first, advancing them the wages money sufficient to pay their passage fare to the ship's agents, and then transfer them to other countries to be working at sugar cane companies. Of this the Christians were quite content, as they knew that it was right to go under contract for work, by advancing the money enough to pay for passage fare, had it not been paid before in China. But the pagans were very angry, murmuring that I live here at present, but I am engaged by Mr. Kong Kang to preach at the interior. With best compliments and love from all at our Christian brethren to you and Mrs. Li, and others.

Yours etc.,

SIR MOON.

Dated 8th February.

To the Rev. Li.

As you know, I and my family, six in all, left for Honolulu on 28th of 10th month of last year, and after 3 weeks passage I and all in the ship about 400 persons by God's providence have been safely landed here. We were well accepted by our friends. I have no engagement yet, so I cannot send you any money. I hope I may find work soon. Your letter came to hand on 8th of 1st month (7th February) and I thank you very much for it. My cousin Li-tai, Ho-pak, Ho-mun, after having settled their families here, have gone into the interior, and are reported to be well. Before we arrived here, about 80 miles from Honolulu we met with shipwreck. All were saved, but some of the passengers have lost much property. With best compliments to Mrs. Li.

Yours very obedient servant,

YU YAN MAN.

Dated 6th of 1st month 17th Feb.

To the Rev. Li.

Sir.—After I left you for Honolulu on the 24th of 10th month of last year, my family became very ill at sea, but recovered before we arrived here. We all landed safely. I have passed about 3 weeks untriflingly but now by the recommendation of Mr. Sit Mun I have employment at \$9 a month with board, while my wife is engaged in the shop of Mr. Ku Kum a Christian at \$6 a month as needle worker. So both I and my wife, by the help of Providence, are in good situations. Wishing blessings to you and Mrs. Li.

I am, your very obedient servant,

KE TAN MAN.

To the Rev. Li.

We arrived at Honolulu on 14th of 12th month, and I and my brothers and sisters were all safely landed. Now my family with those of Li Tait, Yip Pat, Ko Man, Ahing, and Chun Tse, live here, the rest having gone into the interior to work at planting. On my arrival, I was asked to cook for \$28 a month under a contract of 2 years, but I didn't take the offer, as I was indisposed then. I am now recovered, so excuse my not being able to repay you at present the money borrowed from you on various occasions. A child was born to my daughter on 18th of 12th month, and on the 4th of 1st month a child was born to Mr. Yan Sin Kong. Both are male children.

I remain Sir, with love,

Yours etc.,

HO YAN WAI.

To the Rev. Li.

We, the undersigned, who left you for Honolulu on 24th of 10th month of last year, have arrived here safely on 14th of 12

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